

Nursery Newsletter

Spring 2 Week 6

Last week we:

- Read 'Erol's Garden' by Gillian Hibbs.
- Continued some lovely vegetable drawings. Yes the children did sketch these themselves! After they did the directed drawing which was led by a teacher, the adult then outlined their drawing and children coloured them in and later water coloured their background.
- Did lots of lovely spring themed colouring in—their pencil grips are definitely improving so continue practicing at home!
- Spent a lot of time playing outdoors when the sunshine was out. We set up another flower shop outdoors, played in the water trays again and also made a giant Jenga tower that the children really enjoyed.
- Talked about Spring time and how vegetables grow. After these discussions children helped by planting some flower seeds in the garden.
- Continued spotting rhyming words and playing matching games to encourage children to hear rhyme in familiar words. We encourage you to spot rhyming words together at home too when reading or talking.
- Began clapping the syllables in our names and other common words. The children are finding this tricky so this could also be practiced at home!
- Have also started 'noticing' the initial sounds in words. E.g. "Spring starts with the 's' sound. What other words start with 's'?"
- Practiced writing the number seven using the rhyme "Across the road and down from Devon, that's the way we make a seven."
- Used our new mini whiteboards to practice writing our names and numbers using the correct formation.
- Played numeracy games to encourage quick recognition of numerals and numbers e.g. bingo and dominos.

This week we:

- Are continuing our reading of 'Erol's Garden' and the books the children have loved bringing in so much!
- Will be talking about Easter and making some Easter craft such as making patterns on Easter eggs.
- Will also be making an Easter treat with the children for them to bring home on Thursday.
- Drawing sunflowers growing from the ground in the same way that we drew their beautiful vegetables.
- Practice writing the number eight using the rhyme "Make an 's' and do not wait! When it's joined up you have an eight."
- Providing targeted intervention groups for communication and language, fine motor and handwriting (pencil grip and writing name and numbers) and phonological awareness (focusing on rhyme at the moment).

Extra messages:

- Just a gentle reminder to encourage the children (wherever possible) to come in by themselves as it gets very crowded in the morning. Could parents please pass on this message to other carers also.
- Don't forget to wear PE appropriate clothes on Tuesday for afternoon children.
- Can you please ensure that all children have a spare change of clothes in their bag in case of accidents as we no longer have any spare trousers.
- There will be no nursery on Friday as we will be breaking up for the Easter school holidays. We hope you have a wonderful couple of weeks off and enjoy spending time with your families. Thank you for a great term and we look forward to seeing you back on Monday the 15th of April.

We hope you have a wonderful week and a safe and happy holidays!

The Nursery Team.

